# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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LAND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT POLICY
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have decided to formulate a national policy for the management of the country`s land resources with the focus on dynamic conservation and sustainable use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total percentage of country`s total geographical area falling under various categories of wasteland ; and

(d) the time by which this policy is likely to be formulated and implemented?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, The Department of Land Resources is preparing a draft National Policy for the management of country`s land resources with focus on dynamic conservation and sustainable use in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of United Nations, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie and National Institute of Rural Development Hyderabad.

(c)The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Developmenthas recently brought out a ` Wastelands Atlas of India 2000` in collaboration with `National Remote Sensing Agency`, Hyderabad using remote sensing technologies.As per this `Atlas` 20.17% of the country`s total geographical area fall under 13 categories of wastelands.

(d)Efforts are being made to formulate the policy at the earliest. After the policy is finally approved its implementation will be taken up.